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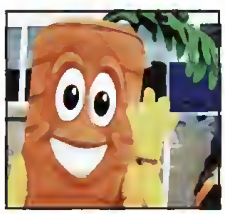

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Veteran of UN Peacekeeping Fern Taillefer, right, and BWG Mayor Rob Keffer raise the UN flag for National Peacekeepers' Day.

Honouring peacekeepers and peacemakers

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

On August 9, 1974, Canadian Peacekeeping suffered its greatest single loss of life, when Syrian missiles shot down a clearly-marked Buffalo transport aircraft, on a routine UN re-supply mission - killing all nine Canadian peacekeepers on board.

The province of Ontario acknowledged the date in 2007; in 2008, the federal government proclaimed National Peacekeepers Day – but years before official recognition, Bradford resident and veteran of UN Peacekeeping, G. Michael Comeau approached the local town council, to raise the United Nations flag in honour of all Peacekeepers and Peacemakers.

Comeau once again helped to organize the 2016 National Peacekeepers Day flag-raising in Bradford West Gwillimbury, on Aug. 4 – but announced that he was handing over the reins to friend and co-founder of the Central Ontario branch of CAVUNP (Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping), Fern Taillefer.

> "I have big shoes to fill."
> Fern Taillefer

"We formed this chapter together, in 2004," said Taillefer, calling the responsibility for organizing the ceremony "an honour – I have big shoes to fill."

Taillefer thanked Comeau for his commitment to ensuring that Canada recognize its peacekeepers and peacemakers - past, present and future – especially "remembering our fallen comrades who died in the cause of peace." He noted that after years of support for CAVUNP, the Peacekeepers' Park in Angus, the Izzy Doll campaign that provides hand-made "comfort dolls" to be handed out to local children by peacekeepers, and 14 years as the organizer of the BWG flag-raising, "You may stand down; you are not dismissed!"

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EPIC Open House and Grand Opening

Bond Head - The EPIC (Enterprise Promotion & Investment Centre) Social Innovation and Training Hub will officially open its doors in Bond Head on Thursday, Aug. 18.

The former Bond Head public school at 4208 County Rd. 88 has been leased from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury by Human Endeavour for its new Hub, to provide a venue for hands-on training in the trades, soft skills and computers, as well as introductions to social entrepreneurship, student placements, community building, and access to community services (computers, printers, fax).

Everyone is invited to join BWG Mayor Rob Keffer and council, dignitaries and community members to mark the opening of the Social Innovation and Training Hub, from noon to 4 p.m., starting with a meet and greet at 12, opening ceremonies at 1 p.m., and community celebrations from 2 to 4 p.m. Activities will include Henna tattooing, kids' games and competitions, water balloon toss, a jumping castle, cotton candy, popcorn and free refreshments.

For more information, contact CEO Noor Din, 416-726-3252, or board chair Jim Keenan, 905-751-5335.

Updating the Holland St. reconstruction project

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

At a special meeting on Aug. 9, council received an update of the Holland St. reconstruction project – a project that proposes narrowing Holland St. east of Collings Ave. from four lanes to two, widening sidewalks and boulevards, adding left turn lanes and parking bays for on-street parking, and creating new streetscaping.

The streetscaping and improved pedestrian environment were proposed "to promote redevelopment and reinvestment... and really create a destination for residents" in the downtown, said director of development and engineering services Arup Mukherjee, but there has been controversy.

At four public meetings, held as part of the Environmental Assessment process in 2012-2013, "there was certainly a lot of passion. There were strong opinions," he said. Three key concerns were identified: traffic congestion resulting from reducing the road to two lanes; loss of parking in the downtown core; and the impact of construction on downtown businesses. Although the EA was completed in 2015, it has yet to be filed.

To move forward, Mukherjee presented three options for council's consideration: reconstructing Holland St. without changing the configuration of lanes, boulevards and sidewalks – basically the status quo; approving the project as proposed in the environmental assessment; or undertaking a site visit to Markham and a 'trial project,' using paint and planters to simulate proposed lane changes and boulevards, followed by a "very thorough monitoring... to see the impact."

Mukherjee recommended the latter. "Take the time to learn," he said. "We're not the first ones to be doing this kind of design. We're not reinventing the wheel here. We're trying to follow in the steps of some best practices." Markham was chosen for a site visit because Hwy. 48 is comparable to Holland, he said, passing "through a built-up area."

> **"We're not the first ones to be doing this kind of design. We're not reinventing the wheel here."**
>
> Arup Mukherjee

Councillor Gary Lamb pointed out that motorists can avoid driving through Markham, because there are numerous other north-south routes available. "We don't have that. We have Bridge St. We're the biggest bottleneck in the province."

Lamb called for more flexibility in the design, which would eliminate 30 on-street parking spaces. Downtown stores need that parking "because they're competing with the mall", he said, suggesting the use of roll curbs, allowing the boulevard to be used for parking at some times of day, pedestrian space at others, and providing access for emergency vehicles.

"The design we have is not set in stone," said Mukherjee, agreeing it could be tweaked to include roll curbs. "Cars parked on the pedestrian boulevard works fine."

Several downtown business owners attended Tuesday's meeting.

Steve Dykie, an owner of The Village Inn and former Chair of the Downtown Revitalization committee, warned, "As it sits right now, the downtown is struggling." Elimination of on-street parking, and a lengthy construction period with road closures would be disastrous, he said. "First and foremost we have to protect businesses and make sure they can withstand the storm, if you're going to create it... Who's going to last a two-year project? Nobody."

Rob Bots, new owner of Dutch Treats, also called for preservation of on-street parking. "A lot of my customers are 70-plus. They have to park in front of the store because they can't walk up the hill."

Asked if it was absolutely necessary to dig up the street, to replace underground infrastructure, Mukherjee said that construction would be staged and steps taken to ensure stores could stay open – but that there is "absolutely a need" to replace some underground infrastructure, especially the "woefully small" watermain.

"We really don't know what the pipes are like under the ground," said Mayor Rob Keffer, asking for more information. "I want to know... how big of a reconstruction job this needs to be, so we can tell the business owners, give them a better idea of timelines."

Council approved the site visit/trial project option, asking staff to provide information on underground infrastructure, and details of the "scope and cost" of a trial project before it proceeds.

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Parking concerns delay townhome approval

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

An application from BMA Developments for a zoning bylaw amendment to permit construction of 28 townhomes as part of Plan 51M-1001 was sent back to the drawing board, over concerns about parking.

Noting that the developer included onstreet parking spaces on neighbouring Miller Park Ave. as part of its provision of parking spaces for the two townhouse blocks, Councillor Raj Sandhu compared the situation to what has happened on West Park Avenue: the developer will build, take the profit and leave, Sandhu said, and the town will be stuck with the long-term issues and resident complaints.

"I don't want us to be left with a big mess," agreed Councillor Peter Dykie Jr., pointing out that townhouse enclaves like Deer Run and Harmony Circle both provide "pockets" of visitor parking, rather than expecting guests to park on neighbouring roads, inconveniencing residents.

"I'm going to vote No, if it stands the way it is," Dykie said. "I would like to see more visitor parking built into this land."

Councillor Gary Baynes defended the proposal, noting that the town standard requires only 0.5 visitor parking spaces per unit; the BMA Developments proposal provides 0.61 spaces. "It's well within the guidelines."

However, senior planner Alan Wiebe admitted that the 0.61 refers to the entire subdivision phase, not just the townhouse development. He told council that town staff did explore an off-street parking option – identifying a portion of Block 129 that could accommodate 11 parking spaces, off the Angela St. cul-de-sac.

The cost would come to about $11,000, to be deducted from the parkland allocation, Wiebe said, but would increase available parking to 0.68 spaces per unit.

Sandhu urged council to send the design back to staff, to work on the issue. "We owe it to this community, that we're creating a safe environment," he said.

"Go back and make a safer neighbourhood... and provide more parking," said Councillor Dykie. "I would not want to see us forcing parking on Miller Park Ave."

Several councillors questioned why the cost of an off-street parking lot would come from the funds set aside for park amenities. Councillor Baynes called it "bizarre," and Councillor Sandhu asked, "Why should the town be paying for the parking that is going to benefit the homes?"

Council voted 6-2 to send the proposal back to staff to pursue off-street parking options, with only Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Councillor Gary Baynes voting in favour of granting the zoning bylaw amendment.

'Fire extinguished itself'

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

BWG Fire and Emergency Services received a report of a "structure fire" at a Bradford restaurant, around 7 p.m. on Aug. 4. They arrived to find that a minor fire in cooking equipment had extended into the ductwork, but had burned itself out. "It was a fire in the exhaust system," said Fire Chief Kevin Gallant. "It had extinguished itself." The fire department provided ventilation, to rid the premises of smoke, and notified the health unit. The popular restaurant was closed "until they get everything back up and running."

News Brief

Open air burn ban

With 30 degree days continuing, and little rain over the past month, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has imposed a complete ban on Open Air Burning.

The ban includes burn barrels, fire pits, outdoor wood-burning appliances and campfires; only propane barbecues are exempted.

With the fire risk at its highest level, Fire Chief Kevin Gallant is warning residents to take extra care with anything that might spark a flame, and turn into an accidental blaze.

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Point of View

Games provide opportunity

Maybe we were wrong when we called for an end to the current system of awarding the Summer Olympics, with all of the its bidding wars, hype, and impossible promises.

We suggested it was time to permanently return the Olympics to their place of origin – to Greece – and stop the politicking, displacement of the poor to make way for new construction, and the overburdening of local economies, which have become part of the Olympic process.

The Opening Ceremonies of the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro provided at least one reason for maintaining the status quo, and awarding the Summer Olympics to a new location every four years: It does put the spotlight on the host country, for good or for ill – and provides a unique and unmatched opportunity to be heard.

There is now no one who doesn't know that Rio is struggling with poverty and violence in its favelas; that Zika virus has caused thousands of birth defects that will pose a challenge for Brazil for years to come; that efforts to improve Rio's sewage treatment have been largely unavailing – or, on the flip side, that Brazilians are passionate about soccer, beach volleyball and the beauty of their country.

And the message of the Opening Ceremonies, with its focus on climate change, the hazards of melting ice caps and rising sea levels, was unprecedented, as a wake-up call to the world from the country that contains the largest virgin expanse of rainforest.

Other nations have used the games to boost national pride, and as a showcase to promote the success of existing political regimes and policies; this was perhaps the first time they were used to highlight an international problem, that goes beyond political boundaries.

But the question remains, was the opportunity worth the cost?

Making someone smile

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From left, Lisa Lloyd, volunteer co-ordinator at Bradford Valley Care Community, Linda Donaher of Linda's Floral Design, and Melissa Demjen, Recreation Aid, with floral arrangements for Bradford Valley residents. During Teleflora's Make Someone Smile Week, July 17-23, Linda Donaher of Linda's Floral Design donated 24 colourful Be Happy Bouquets - white and yellow daisies, and yellow roses, in a smiley-face mug - for residents at Bradford Valley Care Community, a long term care facility in Bradford.

Letter to the Editor

OPPOSITION KEEPS SCHOOLS OPEN

To the editor: Provincial and demonstration schools, which provide services for blind, deaf and severely learning disabled students, provide an opportunity for some of our province's most vulnerable to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams.

It is great to see that, after months of opposition from concerned families and the Ontario PC Caucus, the Wynne Liberals have agreed to keep these schools open.

Whether it is restoring funding for children with Autism, providing services for first responders with PTSD, and now the provincial and demonstration schools, it is clear that the Wynne Liberals are being forced to answer to effective opposition.

After seeing the fallout of the Liberal Government's backpedal on Autism funding, where affected families have yet to receive their promised funding, we will take this commitment with a grain of salt. We await further details and confirmation that these schools will remain open past the 2016-2017 school year.

In the meantime, the Ontario PC Caucus will continue to hold government to account and ensure they do the right thing for Ontario families.

PATRICK BROWN
LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION
AND PC EDUCATION CRITIC

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Horseshoes at the legion

Calling all horseshoes enthusiasts! The Orville Hand Horseshoe Tournament will take place Saturday, Aug. 13, with registration at 10 a.m. Sign up at the legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, or call 905-775-5025. All welcome.

Friday Night Social. Every Friday at 6 p.m., drop by the Bradford legion for a meal, at a reasonable price, followed by entertainment. On the first Friday of the month, it's Karaoke Night, with Bob Serran; the third Friday is Pub Night. Everyone is welcome. No cover charge. Vinyl Frontier Acoustic Entertainment, on Friday Aug. 19 is a Pub Night on a Campfire Theme, 8 p.m. to midnight!

The legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veteran Services Officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4919. For more information on events, programs and membership in the Legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

Honouring peacekeepers and peacemakers

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The flag-raising included a special salute to Sapper Brian Collier, who gave his life serving in Afghanistan, in 2010.

There were veterans of UN Missions, Legionnaires, army veterans, and members of town council on hand to see the UN flag raised in Sunshine Square, beside Brian Collier Way, as Mayor Rob Keffer proclaimed National Peacekeepers' Week, Aug. 4-11.

"We formed this chapter together, in 2004."

Fern Taillefer

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Veteran in UN Peacekeeping, Fern Taillefer (centre) makes a presentation to Carol and Jim Collier, parents of Sapper Brian Collier, during a ceremony honouring peacekeepers and peacemakers in Bradford.

News Briefs

PROBUS Club meets

Bradford's PROBUS Club 2, a social club for retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people meets Wednesday, August 17 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10 in Bradford, from 10 a.m. to 12. Includes a guest speaker, coffee, tea and treats. New members always welcomed. For information, contact Joanne MacLeod, 905-551-0942 or Bonnie Keenan, 905-775-4700.

Be bold with beauty

Shoppers Drug Mart is hosting a "Be Bold With Beauty" Beauty Gala on Saturday, Aug. 13, to raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Drop in to Shoppers Drug Mart in Bradford, at 140 Holland St. West, to learn more, book a mini-makeover or appointment with a beauty expert, and make a donation to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, for a chance to win a gift basket.

Laughter Yoga

Cathy Nesbitt presents Laughter Yoga – an exercise routine and complete well-being workout, developed by Dr. Madan Kataria. Laughter Yoga is not about fancy poses; it is laughter for no reason but to encourage a sense of child-like play and feeling of joy. The yoga part includes deep breathing and gentle stretches; sustained belly laughter for 10 to 15 minutes is equivalent to 30 minutes of rowing. Offered Aug. 7, 14, and 28 at 11 a.m., at Cathy's Chuckle Club, 43 Thornton Ave. in Bradford, $10 per session or $25 for all three days. Family rates available. Call 905-775-9495 for information or to sign up for an activity that will improve fitness, reduce stress, increase happiness and energy level, and promote a positive mental attitude.

Ham and peach supper

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute is hosting its annual Ham and Peach Supper at the Tec-We-Gwill Hall in Newton Robinson, on Friday, Aug. 19. There will be three sittings, at 4:30, 5:45 and 7 p.m. Cost is only $15 for adults, $6 for children 12 and under. Tickets are sold in advance only; contact 705-458-4555 or 905-778-0319 for tickets or take-out.

Coming up at the Danube Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, offers programs and activities for Seniors. For information, call 905-775-0612. Coming Up:

• ***Birthday Luncheon***, Thursday, Aug. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Quarter-pound Angus Burger with all the trimmings, sausage on a bun, salads, dessert, tea or coffee, only $8. Members only. Come early – construction on Simcoe Rd. in ongoing.

• ***Saturday at the Movies.*** The Queen, with Helen Mirren, will screen on Saturday, Aug. 27. Show starts at 1 p.m. $3 cover charge includes popcorn, movie and refreshments. In honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday

• ***Vegas North Tribute Artists concert***, featuring "Dean Martin" and "Frank Sinatra". Saturday, Sept. 24 at the centre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments at intermission. Tickets are $20, available starting Aug. 15 at the centre.

Simcoe County Plowing Match

The Simcoe County Plowmen's Association 104th annual Plowing Match and antique display will take place Saturday, Aug. 20 at the farm of Brian & Jenn Fieldhouse and Family, 3399 County Rd. 27 in Bradford West Gwillimbury (just north of Line 8). Includes a horseshoe tournament, antique plowing, horse plowing, conventional and reversible plowing matches. For more information contact Barry DeGeer, 705-734-5193

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Meetings & Announcements

Town Council

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole
- Tue. Aug. 23 @ 7:00 p.m. – 125 Simcoe Rd. Bradford Community Centre - upstairs

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND LOCATION ABOVE.
There will be NO meeting on August 16.

Board/Committee

Arts & Culture Committee
- Thu. Aug. 11 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library 425 Holland St. W., Boardroom

Employment Opportunities

- 2016-TT07 – Transportation Technologist Closing: August 12, 2016
- 2016-BI06 – Building Inspector Closing: August 17, 2016

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Competitive Bids

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Temporary Road Closures

Temporary road closures are scheduled for the **18th Annual Carrot Fest** events hosted by the Town of BWG, as follows:

Fri. Aug. 19 @ 3:00 p.m. through Sun. Aug. 21 @ 3:00 a.m.
- Simcoe Rd. from Holland St. to Centre St.

Sat. Aug. 20 @ 6:00 a.m. through Sun. Aug. 21 @ 3:00 a.m.
- Holland St. from Holland Crt. to Colbourne St.
- Barrie St. from John St. to Holland St.

Sat. Aug. 20, 8:30-10:00 a.m. – Carrot Fast Run
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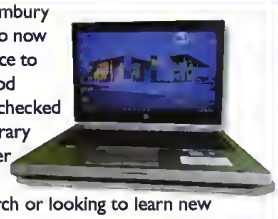

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For inquiries about the Town's larvicide program, call Town of BWG Transportation Services at 905-775-5369.

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Notice of Complete Applications

Pursuant to Section 34(10.7) of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following applications for Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval:

Owner/Applicant: **DCMS Realty (Bradford) Inc. c/o Joseph Gesualdi**
Agent: **KLM Planning Partners Inc. c/o Ryan Virtanen**
Location: **SS2 Holland Street West**
File Nos.: **D14-16-09 (ZBA) and D11-16-06 (SPA)**

The owner is seeking to rezone the lands from "Future Development" to an "Institutional Exception" zone, in order to permit the development of a 6-storey, 139-unit retirement home containing 27 memory care/assisted living units and a reduced front yard setback. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Detailed information regarding the applications may be made available for public inspection by contacting Caroline Murphy, Planner, at (905) 778-2055, ext. 1402, or cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted applications, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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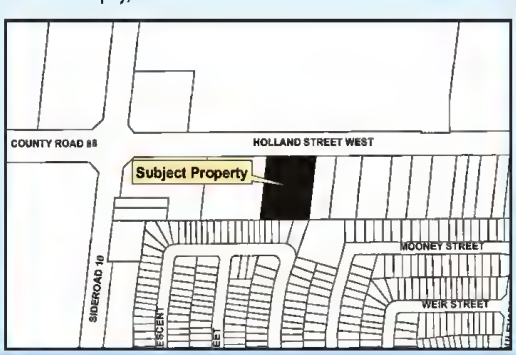
Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, telephone (905) 778-2055, ext. 1402, facsimile 905-778-2070 or e-mail at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 11th day of August, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



NOTICE: Stormwater Management Pond Assessment

WHAT/WHERE:

The stormwater management pond located at the north-west corner of Simcoe Road and Line 6 in Bradford will be assessed to determine if sediment and debris needs to be removed.

WHEN:

The process will take approximately one week, beginning August 15, 2016.

WHY:

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) requires the Town to ensure that all stormwater management ponds are regularly assessed and maintained so that they function properly. The ponds collect rainwater to help prevent flooding, and filter sediment from the water before it enters rivers and lakes.

Over time, sediment builds up in the ponds and reduces their capacity to hold water, increasing the risk of flooding. These ponds also frequently contain invasive species of fish and plants, and collect trash and other debris, which can reduce their effectiveness.

HOW:

The assessment will consist of four steps:

1. Most of the water will be removed so that fish gather in smaller areas.
2. The fish will be collected and relocated.
3. An aerial survey will be conducted to accurately measure the remaining contents of the pond.
4. The pond will refill naturally by stormwater.

This work is being conducted in consultation with the MOECC and Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.

NEXT STEPS:

If it is determined that the pond needs to be excavated of excess sediment and debris, the rehabilitation process will be scheduled and further notice provided. Approximately eight ponds are due to be assessed in the same manner within the next year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Community Services: 905-775-5369

Share your thoughts

on the Town of BWG's Official Plan Review

WE WANT YOUR INPUT as we review the Town's Official Plan. The public is welcome to attend any of the following meetings.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS:

Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

- **August 16,** 2-6pm: Growth & Population and Downtown Bradford
- **August 18,** 2-6pm: Employment Lands
- **August 23,** 10am-2pm: Seniors Housing

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL:

BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. W

- **September 6,** 7pm

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

An Official Plan provides a vision for future growth and generally guides where new homes, schools, businesses and parks should be located. It includes policies with respect to the construction of new services such as roads and sewers as well as protecting our natural and built heritage.

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TOPIC

Celebrating Bradford's roots at CarrotFest

Bradford — The 18th Annual CarrotFest, Bradford West Gwillimbury's celebration of its agricultural "roots," takes place Aug. 19-21.

The festival begins on Friday, with opening ceremonies on the Main Stage on Simcoe Rd. at 6 p.m. - followed by performances by Feverish Lemons, and Jagger Tanner Band.

Saturday is CarrotFest's big day – kicking off at 9 a.m. with an Enbridge Pancake Breakfast that is a fundraiser for BWG Minor Hockey, and the start of the outdoor vendors' street market in Bradford; Ontario Dock Dogs Competition at the Bradford Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.); and the annual CarrotFast 5K Run or 2.5K Walk at the Bob Fallis Sports Complex (see carrotfast.com).

Entertainment begins on the main stage and two Busker pitches, with performances by Kobbler Jay, Brant Matthews The Fire Guy, Hercinia Arts, Trulee Odd Show, The Puppet Tamer. Watch for Silver Elvis, Brampton Batman, Elsa, Gwilly and Captain Carrot wandering the streets.

The BWG Fire & Emergency Services will demonstrate extrication techniques at 10:30 a.m.; Beer Garden opens at 11 a.m., and the Bradford Community Centre presents a free demonstration of wrestling at 11:30 a.m., with former WWE stars.

At noon, the 24 Carrot Holdem Poker tourney begins at The Village Inn – and registration starts for the CarrotFest Ice Cream Contest at 3 Scoops; the CarrotFest Messy Face Ice Cream Contest is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Bradford Lions Club will draw the second early bird winner of $1000 at 5:30 p.m. - and at 6:30 p.m. Destroyer, a KISS tribute band, takes to the main stage, the Jagger Sports BMX Stunt Show starts, and Quest for the Cup 10 Wrestling (a ticketed event) will get underway at the Bradford Community Centre.

There will be a Flaming Carrot Fire Show at the Four Corners at 8 p.m., followed by Hearafter on the Main Stage, as the party continues.

Sunday will see the Dock Dogs Championships, starting at 10 a.m. - and the 10th annual Family Fun Fest at Lions Park, from noon to 4 p.m., a free event put on by Bradford Community Church and Bradford Baptist Church that provides family games, bouncy castles, food, and prizes.

The Midway and the Carrot Slam Basketball tourney have been dropped from this year's CarrotFest; for a schedule of all of the amazing events, see www.carrotfest.ca - and find out why the festival is one of the top 100 in Ontario.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Gwilly is waiting to welcome everyone to Carrotfest in Bradford — here, spotted at the Canada Day celebrations on July 1.

It's the arts, at Carrotfest

Carrotfest Art Centre

The Bradford Fine Artists are bringing the Arts to Carrotfest! From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 20, members of the group will be hosting music and dance performances outdoors on the stage at the Bradford Courthouse – and acoustic music performances and an Art Gallery at the Bradford Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church, at 66 Barrie St.). Local artists and musicians invite festival-goers to take a break from the heat, by checking out the new Bradford Centre for the Arts, an initiative that is important to the community and local artists. For more information contact bradfordfineartists@gmail.com or contact Rev. Jim Keenan at Bradford United Church.

Corn Fest and carving at the market

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

On Saturday, Aug. 13, the Bradford Farmers' Market hosts its annual Corn Festival – with fresh-cooked Ontario sweet corn, only $1 an ear, served by Mayor Rob Keffer and members of Council to raise money for the BWG Community Meal.

It's also the day that Tammy Jackson of Sweet Annabella's will be holding her annual cancer fundraiser, in memory of her mother.

Once again, Jackson will be baking pies, and selling them for a donation to the cause (minimum donation $15). She's raising funds not for research – she leaves that to organizations like the Canadian Cancer Society – but to help Southlake Regional Health Centre's Stronach Cancer Care Centre provide families struggling with cancer with the level of care that they need. This year, funds will also go to help kids battling cancer.

Jackson will be selling 40 pies — including Bumbleberry, "a mixture of many different berries, because there are many different kinds of cancer;" and her newest flavour, Strawberry Peach Pineapple — to raise money. She has also persuaded Honky Hawrysio, master carver from Lefroy, to come and demonstrate his wood-carving skills, and create a unique sculpture.

For a $5 donation to the fundraiser, visitors to the market will receive a ballot – and could win the carving.

One more thing to look forward to: in addition to all of the regular vendors, who bring fresh produce, Empire cheeses, Sheldon Creek Dairy products, fresh eggs, honey, Everything Maple & More products, European Meats, The Polish Bakery and much more to the Market, Barb Vaughan will be returning with her fabulous gluten-free treats.

The Market takes place beside the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, every Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bye Bye Blue Sky is a dedicated global public environmental movement who seeks to be a voice for all living creatures and ecosystems, to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment, air, water and land, which our sustenance depends on.

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Police Briefs

Laser targets ORNGE

Innisfil – South Simcoe Police are seeking the assistance of the public after an ORNGE air ambulance helicopter pilot suffered a minor eye injury when hit by a laser over Innisfil. The helicopter was over Yonge and Lockhart Rd. on Sunday, Aug. 7, around 9:30 p.m., when the incident took place. The pilot was assessed at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and was unable to fly for the remainder of the shift, resulting in lost of use of an emergency helicopter. "We find this incident alarming," said Constable Rich Williamson. "This sort of attack endangers both the flight crew and the patient on board. Pointing a laser at an aircraft is a criminal offence. This is not the first time this has happened to an ORNGE crew, and it has to stop." Anyone with information is asked to call 705-436-2141, or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

Breach of recognizance

Bradford – On Aug. 7, police were called to a Bradford home after a man on criminal charges breached his release conditions by harassing his ex-wife. The man had been released on bail, with a "no contact" order – but had texted the victim, and came to the victim's house several times despite the order. A 35-year-old Brampton male was arrested on Aug. 8, and held in custody, charged with two counts of fail to comply with an undertaking.

Drive disqualified

Bradford – On Aug. 5, police stopped a man on an e-bike, after he was seen riding without a helmet. Investigation revealed that the man was prohibited from driving due to a conviction for dangerous driving, and was in breach of probation conditions. The 29-year-old Bradford man was charged with drive disqualified, and two counts of breach probation, and released with a court date in September.

Threatening

Innisfil – On Aug. 4, a youth was approached by a male in Alcona, who threatened to kill the boy's family if he didn't accompany him. The pair walked around Alcona for several hours; the victim was too afraid to run away. The suspect demanded the youth's bank card, and used it to purchase cigarettes. Around 1 p.m., the youth was able to escape and called police. A 25-year-old male was later located in Barrie, and arrested by Barrie Police on an outstanding warrant. He will be charged with threatening death, intimidation and theft under $5000. The youth was not physically harmed.

Domestic assault

Bradford – Around 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 4, a woman reported an assault, telling officers that she had been arguing with her husband the previous evening, when he slapped and hit her several times with an extension cord. A 38-year-old Bradford man was arrested at his home, and charged with domestic assault and assault with a weapon. He was ordered to stay away from the victim, and reside elsewhere while awaiting his court date in September. The victim did not require medical attention.

A Bradford Rising Star

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Canadian National Exhibition has been hosting a Rising Star Talent Competition for the past 29 years, giving young performers the opportunity to compete on a professional stage for prizes and recognition.

This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the competition, and over 100 acts are expected during the 18 days of the Ex, Aug. 19-Sept. 5.

Bradford's Cassie Acevedo is one of those Rising Stars.

The 12-year-old singer, a student at St. Marie of the Incarnation School, is no stranger to the pressures of competition. For the past three years, she has been studying voice and musical theatre at Music In Motion Performing Arts studio – and participating in recitals, exams, theatrical productions, and ACCESS Broadway international competition. Cassie is also a "Bradford Teen Idol," placing second in the teen talent event at Bradford Ribfest.

Two months ago, she decided to audition for the CNE's Rising Star Competition. She sent in a tape of herself singing Carrie Underwood's '*See You Again*,' and of her Platinum award-winning performance at ACCESS Broadway – and was accepted. She will be performing on Aug. 19.

Cassie admits to having some "butterflies" when she stands on stage, but credits the support of her family for helping her overcome stage fright. "My dad says, You can do it, my mom is always by the stage," and she has the support of her sisters and friends, she says.

"We've always told her, this is fun," says mom Carla. "We've never pushed... She has to enjoy it. It's all up to her."

That said, Carla notes, all three of her girls sing when they are happy – in the kitchen, helping out, just spending time together.

"I always said I wanted to be a star, I wanted to sing for people," says Cassie. The first live concert she ever attended was by Carrie Underwood and, says the young singer, it was an inspiration. "I wanted to be like that on stage."

On Aug. 19, the young Rising Star will have that opportunity.

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Rising Star Cassie Acevedo will have an opportunity to shine at the Canadian National Exibition in Toronto.

Bond Head's Music in the Park

The Bond Head Lions will host Music in the Park II at Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head – an afternoon of music, community, and fundraising for Matthews House Hospice.

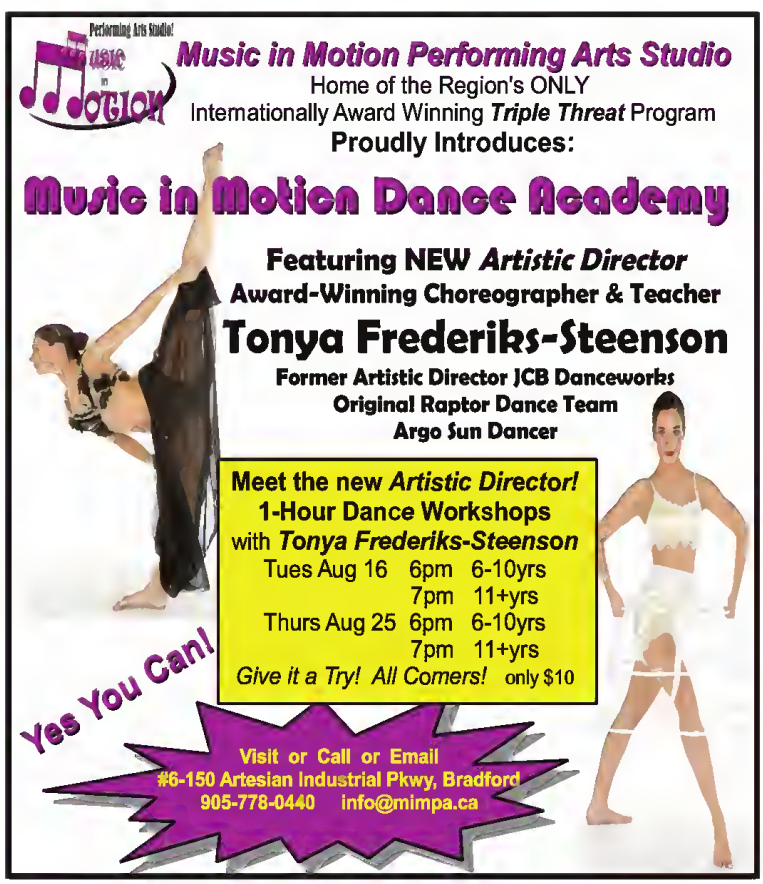
On Sunday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., everyone is invited to the park for a Classic Car & Truck Show, Lions' BBQ, vendors, and an outdoor concert. The music will start at 11 a.m., featuring Front Porch Harmony, Beeton Creek Rising, U3, and headliners Naomi Bristow, the Yodellin' Cowgirl, and Canadian music icons, The Good Brothers.

Country and Gospel singer Naomi Bristow, now 18, has been performing since she was 8 – entertaining thousands across Canada and the U.S., and recording in Nashville with members of the Grand Ole Opry, including Vince Gill. This is an opportunity to hear an amazing young talent.

The Good Brothers – Bruce, Brian and Larry – have been on the music scene since the early 1970s, earning 8 Junos. They were inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2004, and the North American Country Music Association International Hall of Fame just this year.

Admission to Music In the Park II is free, but donations to the Hospice, located in Alliston and serving South Simcoe, will be gratefully accepted. Matthews House Hospice, which provides end of life care and compassionate support to grieving families, relies on donations and community support.

Bring a lawn chair, and come out for a great afternoon of music.



A proposal for Concept Farm Living

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Call it an idea. A dream. A vision.

Horst Rosner and his neighbour on Line 10, Bryan Rosenberger, own about 50 acres of agricultural land between them. They have come up with a concept for an alternative form of seniors' accommodation, something geared towards active seniors who don't want to retire to an apartment-style complex, or give up a rural lifestyle.

Their vision, "Concept Farm Living," is being proposed as a kind of pilot project: a condominium development of affordable single detached dwellings and farmland, where the condo owners would share orchards and a market garden, raising produce for their own use and for sale.

The land in question lies south of Line 10, and across Scanlon Creek. Some of the property is currently leased for farming, raising beans and corn. The surrounding area is wooded, and there are trails that provide recreational opportunities.

Rosner and Rosenberger are well aware that Simcoe County's Official Plan does not permit non-farm residential on agricultural land, and that their proposal to service the homes with communal water but individual septics is out of step with current policy.

That's why they are proposing it as a pilot project, a model that would offer seniors "more affordable living in a rural setting," with the opportunity to supplement their retirement income through agriculture, and improve food security and access to fresh produce.

In the 1980s, Rosner proposed a standard Estate Lot plan of subdivision for his property, but never followed through; he knows that the Provincial Policy Statement and Places to Grow Act do not support rural subdivisions. But this is something different, he says – a kind of "housing for farmers" that gives retirees the opportunity to maintain their connection with agriculture and an active lifestyle, in a beautiful rural setting.

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Horst Rosner, left, and Bryan Rosenberger on Rosner's agricultural property north of Bradford on July 28.

The homes would be clustered as closely as possible, determined by servicing constraints, leaving at minimum 30% of the land for agriculture. Rosenberger who runs a property maintenance company, would provide yard maintenance - and hopefully, the condo owners themselves would provide the agricultural expertise to make the farming experiment work.

"I'd want to live here myself," Rosner says.

But for the Concept Farm Living idea to get off the ground, they need an expression of support – from town council, from the province, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, from the county. Without support for an out-of-the-box pilot project, it will never be more than a dream.

For more information, contact Horst Rosner at 905-775-6825.

Site plan approval for seniors' building

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has granted a conditional Site Plan Approval to the municipality's first seniors' accommodation housing project.

Bekerman Properties presented a proposal for a six-storey 152-unit development, on 10 Sideroad adjacent to St. John's Presbyterian Church. The design includes 67 at-grade parking spaces, extensive landscaping, and a pedestrian trail.

There are a number of technical and servicing issues still to be resolved, including a request for more barrier-free parking spaces, multiple easements for servicing, and noise mitigation for some of the outdoor living spaces. The County of Simcoe is also requesting a ten-metre setback from 10 Sideroad; plans currently call for a minimum six-metre setback from the property line.

"Congratulations," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc in the Aug. 2 meeting of council, to applause from the audience. "You've got your first seniors' accommodation project come through. It's something this Council has been working hard on."

Growth pressures

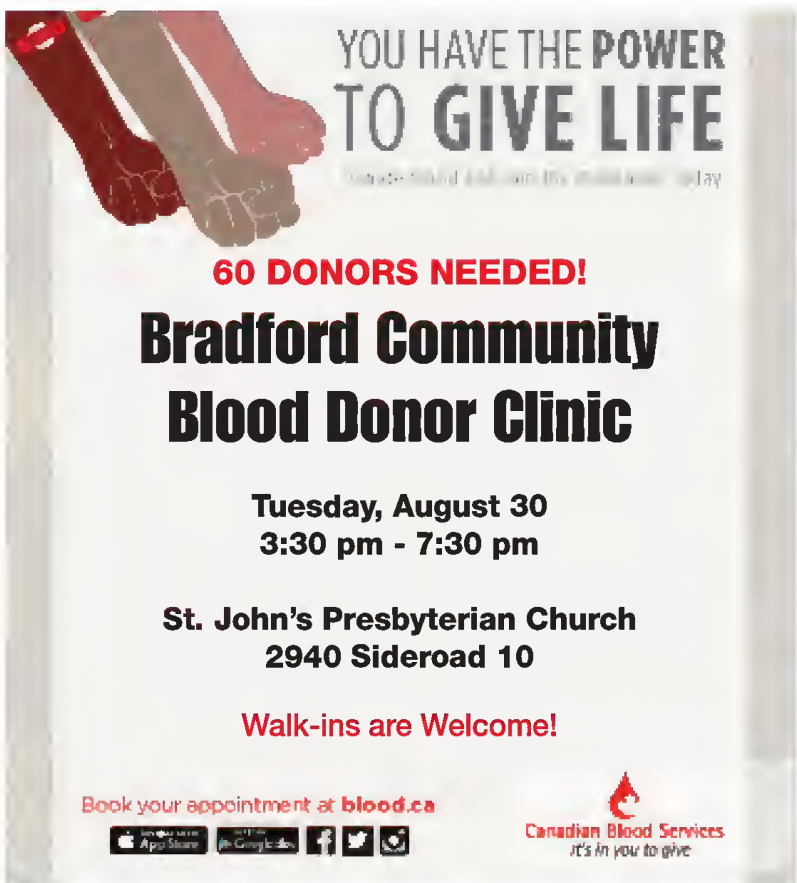
The building boom in Bradford continues.

From April to June of 2015, the town issued 324 permits, 298 of them residential.

During the same period in 2016, Bradford West Gwillimbury issued 431 permits, 373 of them residential.

However, the department is running into problems. "We have been leading the county in growth," said Chief Building Official Jack Tosta – but the building department has lost staff to retirements, and now has to compete with booming Innisfil and East Gwillimbury, to attract qualified building inspectors.

Right now, the municipality has "borrowed" an inspector from York Region, and coaxed another out of retirement. "However, we're still short-staffed. We're relying on overtime," Tosta said. The town is also reaching out to colleges – but those new inspectors will lack experience.



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Bradford Minor Softball... At bat

T-BALL DIVISION

July 25, Royalty Stone vs. Century 21 Roddie Saunders. Royalty Stone had strong hitting from Marek D., who went 4 for 4 and scored 3 runs, great back-catching from Isabella B. - and the final run of the game from Dylan K.

Aug. 4, Royalty Stone vs. Home Hardware. Royalty Stone's Ethan M. and Hayden M. were on fire - Ethan with his first home run of the season, a 3RBI effort, and Hayden unstoppable as pitcher in the 2nd, getting all 3 outs.

ATOM DIVISION

July 26, Robin Evans Real Estate – 13, Zoom Security Systems – 11. First win of the season for the Robin Evans team, thanks to strong defence and great hits, with every member of the team contributing. Jevin M. had a home run, going 3 for 3; Eli C., Hailey J. and Addison C. were all super – going 2 for 3 at bat.

July 26, Vin Bon defeated Back Alley Cruisers in a close, low-scoring game marked by strong defence on both sides. For the Cruisers, Claire B. and Zukhai F. both made great plays for outs at second base; special mention to AJ H. and Zukhai for strong hits up the middle.

Aug. 2, Robin Evans Real Estate - 9, Robert W. Ratusny Law - 0. Every member of the Robin Evans squad had at least one hit, contributing to the win - and defence held the opposition to only 6 base runners. Great batting by Eli, Charlie, Addison and Adam - and big thanks to Coach Andy for coming out of the bullpen.

Aug. 2, Drive True Mechanical Services - 15, Back Alley Cruisers - 9. Every Drive True player got a hit; all but one scored a run - and Ryley S. went 4 for 4, scoring 4 runs. He also had an unassisted double play. Colton A. tripled in the 4th inning.

MITE DIVISION

July 27, Lomonte & Collings Insurance – 10, W.B. Skwarchuk Ltd. - 6. Playing for Skwarchuk's, Matteo C. and Will S. were sharp on the mound and behind the plate; Will S. and Owen L. connected for the first out of the game – and big thanks to Daniele C. for helping out.

PEEWEE DIVISION

July 26, Stouffville Storm – 13, Universal Mobile – 7. Universal had a double RBI from Tyler and Michael S., great outs at first base by Sara and Darcy; great hitting from Addison, Jordan and Adam. Thanks to call-ups Alex, Michael L. and Kyle.

Aug. 2, State Farm Insurance - 13, Heather Haddon Tax Prep - 10. State Farm defence shut down Heather Haddon Tax in the 4th; special mention to Adam W. who went 2 for 2, with 2 runs scored and 3 RBIs; Brady L. who was 2 for 3 with a single, a triple, 2 runs scored and 3 stolen bases; and Matthew T., who went 2 for 2 with a single, a double and a walk, earning 4 RBIs.

BANTAM DIVISION

July 28, Don Cherry's Sports Grill – 15, A&W High Voltage – 12. A&W had great hits by Jaymin M., a super catch by Davis B. that turned into a double play with Matt J., and fantastic pitching from Breyden M., Jaymin M. and Eric M.

News Briefs

Kids wanted for TEAM UA NEXT

Under Armour is looking for young athletes between the ages of 7 and 12 who are ready to dream big, work hard, and want to earn a spot on TEAM UA NEXT Canada, powered by Sport Chek. Parents and guardians are invited to bring their young athletes to Sport Chek at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Winners will become the face of a brand campaign at Sport Chek and Sports Experts stores across Canada.

Pools closing for maintenance

The BWG Leisure Centre's pools will be closed for scheduled maintenance, from 5 p.m. on Sept. 4 through Sept. 23. The Aquatics Centre will reopen at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24. Maintenance at the Bradford Lions Aquatics Centre will include draining all three pools, inspecting the structure, cleaning all areas, and inspecting the pool mechanical systems.

"The aquatics centre has been in operation for over four years now, serving thousands of residents in leisure swimming, lessons and leadership courses," says manager of leisure facilities Kevin Gale. "In order to continue to provide these exceptional programs, staff will ensure that the facility and equipment continue to be in excellent condition to meet the expectations of our residents." For more information call 905-775-7529 or email leisurecentre@townofbwg.com.

Ride for Karen

The Ride for Karen was started in 2002 as a tribute to Karen Tobias, who lost her battle with breast cancer. The annual fundraiser – a 100K or 160K Century Ride, or 200K Double Century Ride – raises money to send kids with cancer to summer camp. The cycling event takes place Sunday, Aug. 28, leaving from the Markham Fairgrounds, and this year's 200K route will include a stretch through the Holland Marsh – with cyclists heading down Dufferin, through Ansnorveldt, and then east on Graham Sideroad. Registration fee is $100 (event day registration is $150). See *www.rideforkaren.com.*

Motor racing camps for kids

New Life Baptist Church has partnered with Sunset International Speedway to offer kids sports and motor racing camps, Aug. 15 to 19. A full-day sports camp is available for kids ages 6 to 12, for $125 at New Life Baptist Church, including soccer, basketball, ball hockey, games and more – and a sports and go-karting combo for ages 8 to 14 at both the church and Sunset Speedway, $275 for the week, with race car driver Gary Elliott in the Tech Lane. Every camper will receive a T-shirt, water bottle, camper playbook, and Bible. For more information or to register, see scriptureunion.ca/innisfil. The last day of camp, Aug. 19, will include a camp barbecue for the whole family. Campers are asked to bring water, snacks, a lunch, hat and running shoes (no sandals!). Motor racing campers can bring light gloves and if they have one, their own helmet; helmets will also be provided at the camp.

Community Listings

THURS., AUG. 11

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: Goosebumps (PG), at the grassy area beside the Bradford Public Library. Free. Bring your own lawn chair, blanket and snacks. Movie at dusk.

FRI., AUG. 12

FRESH AIR FLICKS: At the Cookstown Public Library. Family activities begin at 7 p.m., Disney's Zootopia will screen at dusk. Free. Bring your own blanket and lawn chair. Rain date Aug. 26.

FAMILY WESTERN DAY: Lakeside Retirement Residence, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, Innisfil hosts Family Western Day, 2:30 to 4 p.m., with refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

SAT., AUG. 13

NATURE DAY AT THE CAWTHRA MULOCK NATURE RESERVE: Ontario Nature Conservation hosts Nature Day, rain or shine, at the Reserve located off Bathurst St. north of Green Lane, just north of Newmarket. 10 a.m. to noon - Pollinator Monitoring. Noon to 1 p.m. - free lunch, crafts, face-painting, games for kids. 1 to 3 p.m. Salamander sleuthing and guided hike. Free, but see www.ontarionature.org/events to pre-register.

CORN FESTIVAL: At the Bradford Farmers' Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. beside the Bradford Public Library. Fresh sweet corn on the cob, $1 raising money for the BWG Community Meal. Also, Sweet Annabella's Cancer Fundraiser - pies for a minimum donation of $15, all proceeds to help families struggling with cancer - and a visit by carver Honky Hawrysio.

TUES., AUG. 16

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), at 448 Holland St. West, 10 a.m. Friends and family caring for a person with Alzheimer's or related dementia will share coping strategies, challenges and successes in a safe environment. For info call 705-722-1066.

WEDS., AUG. 17

BRADFORD PROBUS CLUB II MEETS: Bradford's PROBUS Club II, a social club for retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people, meets at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10 in Bradford, from 10 a.m. to noon. Speaker, tea, coffee and treats. New members welcomed. For info, contact Joanne at 905-551-0942 or Bonnie, 905-775-4700.

THURS., AUG. 18

EPIC HUB GRAND OPENING AND OPEN HOUSE: Human Endeavour's EPIC (Entrepreneurial Promotion & Investment Centre) opens its new Social Innovation and Training Hub in Bond Head, 4208 County Rd. 88, from 12 to 4 p.m., with ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m., and social community celebration, including free refreshments, kids' games, jumping castle, cotton candy, popcorn, waterballoons and more.

FRI., AUG. 19

CARROTFEST: Bradford gets back to its roots with Carrotfest. Opening 6 p.m. at the Four Corners of Bradford on Friday, Aug. 19, with music by Feverish Lemons, and Jagger Tanner Band. Saturday, Aug. 20 - street festival, buskers, live entertainment, Ontario Dock Dogs Competition at the Bradford Community Centre, Wrestling at the old arena - free at 11:30 a.m., paid admission at 6:30 p.m. For full list, see www.carrotfest.ca

TEC-WE-GWILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PEACH SUPPER: Three sittings at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, at 4:30, 5:45 and 7 p.m. Ham and Peaches, $15 for adults, $6 for kids 12 and under. Tickets in advance ONLY; call 705-458-4555 or 905-778-0319 for tickets or take-out.

SAT., AUG. 20

STEAK BBQ: At Gilford United Church, 5-7:30 p.m. Adults $20 for steak, salads, corn on the cob, and home-made pies for dessert; kids under 12 only $8 for a Hamburger Dinner. Rain or Shine. Tickets at the door.

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED? SEND US YOUR INFO

Listings are published as space allows each week.
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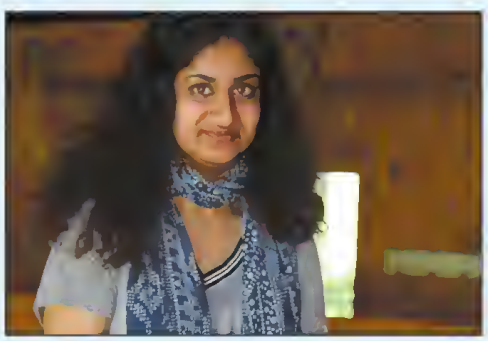
Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

Fia's Hair Braids fundraiser



For the past 3 years, 16 year old Fareeha Chaudhry has been teaching herself the art of hair braiding - going online to learn how to create braids that are works of art. The Bradford District High School student, a former volunteer at Wishing Well Sanctuary for rescued farm animals, recently decided to use her talent to raise funds. On July 23, she held a Hair Braid Fundraiser at Wishing Well Sanctuary, splitting the money raised between Wishing Well, and Ronald McDonald House in Toronto. Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for families with seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at a Toronto hospital. She raised a total of $175.

On Saturday, August 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. she will be at Great Clips in Bradford, 547 Holland St. West, with another Fia's Hair Braids fundraiser, again raising money for Wishing Well and Ronald McDonald House. Call 1-647-857-3451 or email fiyahiyah@gmail.com to book an appointment for Open Braids, Braids, or a creative Braided Updo.

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MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Dan Self was a customer of Booster Juice long before becoming a franchise owner himself.

Working in Mississauga, he said, "One of the very first locations was right beside my office. I was a customer for years," enjoying the fresh-squeezed fruit and vegetable juices, smoothies, fresh-made wraps, paninis and quesadillas.

Self opened his first Booster Juice franchise six years ago – and on Aug. 6, officially opened his third outlet, in Bradford.

The grand opening was attended by Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer and members of council, representatives of the Bradford Board of Trade, and York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro, as well as members of the public, enjoying the 2-for-1 specials.

"We're really happy to be in Bradford. We had a great first month," said Self, noting, "We are a franchise, but we really are a small business." MPP Munro agreed. "Anytime we can "boost" a small business – you really are the backbone of the economy. You create the jobs."

Booster Juice is a Canadian company. It was founded in Edmonton in 1999, by Dale Wishewan – who discovered juice bars while studying in the U.S., and saw an unfilled niche in the Canadian market. He reportedly came up with the various blends of fruit, protein and "super foods" - Strawberry Storm, Sonic Boom, Brazilian Thunder, Mango Hurricane, Mind over Matcha – in his home kitchen, using friends and family members as his "taste-testers."

There are now over 300 Booster Juice outlets, in Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Netherlands, India and Brazil.

"It's a real treat, and a healthy treat," said Mayor Keffer, helping cut the ribbon.

Booster Juice is located at 541 Holland St. West.

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Bradford Board of Trade representatives director Gwen Cottenden, VP Tina Martins-Morrison and director Nancy Taylor present congratulations to Booster Juice owner Dan Self and staff.

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Obituaries

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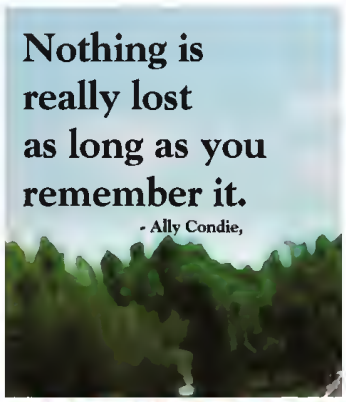

In Memoriams

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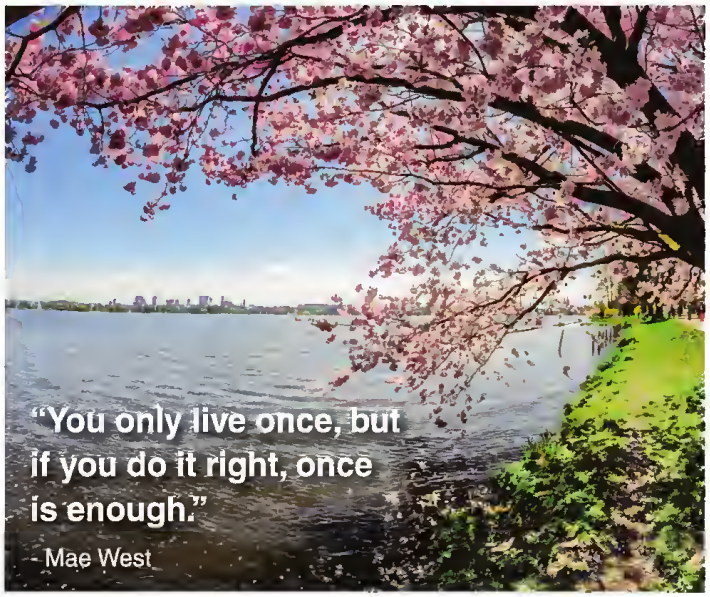

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Volunteer Sabrina provides a perch for Nicky the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

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Doug Grabinsky shows Declan, 5, how to gently hold a snake.

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Black scorpion fluoresces under ultraviolet light at the ZooTek Show.

Learning about the wild, with ZooTek

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And if he won't let anyone hold Charlotte the Tarantula, it's not because she's dangerous. "These are not mean animals," Grabinsky told a group at the BWG Public Library on Aug. 3 – but they are delicate. Dropping the hand-sized spider could damage her exoskeleton, the hard external covering that serves in place of bones.

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Amazing Gracie

PETER WUKASCH
Special to The Bradford Times

How much is a sparrow worth?

Back in Biblical times, two sparrows cost a farthing (a few cents) in the local marketplace. This is the story of a sparrow that is worth far more than that.

Sparrows are generally very plain, ordinary-looking birds in varying shades of brown and grey – not the kind of birds to stand out and be noticed. Many are the birdwatchers who can attest to the frustration of trying to identify these skulking birds, as they forage in weed patches or tall grass.

The 'sparrow' of this story is actually a sparrow in name only. House Sparrows are member of the Weaver Finch family, which includes the gaudy weaver birds of Africa and Asia, whose massive communal nests resemble haystacks hanging from the trees.

House Sparrows were introduced to many large cities around the globe from their original homes in Europe. In the 1850s, they were released in North America, in New York City – and are now found from Nunavut to New Orleans. They build their ramshackle nests in the eaves of commercial buildings, and even in openings behind neon signs. In many places they are regarded as pests. One thing you have to say about them is that they are plucky little survivors.

Gracie the House Sparrow fell out of such a nest, and was found by a friend who decided to nurture her and raise her, rather than see her become cat food. Raising an animal and being its guardian seems to bring out the very best qualities in people. This young woman who rescued (and named) Gracie has chronicled the adventures of raising Gracie from a helpless chick to a robust adolescent who has discovered the wonder and freedom of flight. We have been regaled with stories and pictures of this transformation of both bird and care-giver.

Many others who have followed the story have offered creative ideas as to the feeding and care of Gracie – all suggestions gracefully acknowledged and accepted. Apparently Gracie now has a show-stopping cage, replete with natural branches and other assorted décor, to many another sparrow's envy.

Gracie, like most House Sparrows, will not migrate when colder weather comes, but will become attached to a home where bird feeders are hung. She will likely find a flock to her liking and hang out with them. No matter what happens, she has become the delight of her care-giver and those of us who are learning about bird behaviour in the process.

Amazing Gracie has brightened up the lives of many people – an amazing accomplishment for a little bird, and a testament to the care and love of an amazing "mom."

Turtle tag at Scanlon Creek

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

There's an art to capturing turtles in the wild.

Zach Bogar, of Scales Nature Park, donned a wetsuit and stepped into Scanlon Creek, in an effort to catch turtles for an ongoing pilot project at the Conservation Area north of Bradford, on Aug. 6.

He was joined by a group of volunteers, members of the Friends of Scanlon Creek, and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Area staff, who helped spot six turtles in the murky water - but Bogar, sinking quickly into the muddy creek bed, only managed to nab two.

All were native painted turtles. While Bogar plunged into the water, Scales teammate Kaitlyn Hall took measurements, counted the number of "scutes" or scales, noted any irregularities or identifying marks, then used a file to create a unique series of notches at the edge of the shell, that will make the turtle identifiable to future researchers.

It doesn't hurt the turtle, Hall explained - "It's kind of like filing your nails." - but it will be an important part of an ongoing study, into the health of the Scanlon turtle population.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Zach Bogar of Scales Nature Park dives into the water of Scanlon Creek to capture a painted turtle.

The Scales Nature Park researchers shared information on native turtles, and how to tell "boys from girls" (the "boys" have much longer front claws, and a longer tail) before releasing the captured turtles back into the wild.

Native turtle species face threats that range from predation and loss of habitat, to vehicular traffic in turtle crossing areas, and pressure from invasive species like the Red-eared slider, a non-native turtle often sold as a pet that some owners mistakenly release into the wild.

LSRCA staff had spotted a Red-eared slider at Scanlon, and a nesting site. The site is cordoned off to prevent predation, and caged to keep any hatchlings from heading to the water. The nest is being watched to see if the eggs will in fact hatch this far north, said Bogar. If they do, "We'll be a little more concerned" - and make every effort to catch the invaders, removing them to Scales Nature Park.

Scales is a 21-hectare conservation area and educational centre in Oro-Medonte, open to the public during the summer, that is dedicated to the preservation of Ontario's amphibians, fish and reptiles.

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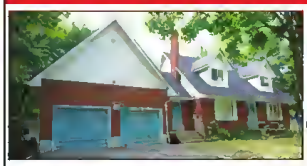

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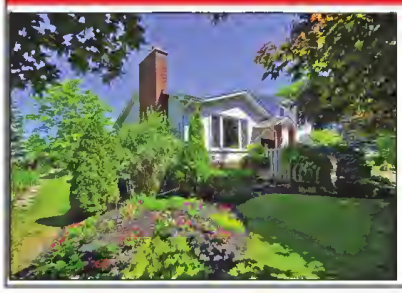

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